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1. APPRECIATE HELPFUL INFORMATION REFTEL. AMERICAN SCHOOL WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR GRANT INCREASE TO ENABLE HEWES JOIN STAFF THIS YEAR.

2. SCHOOL CONTINUES EXPAND STAFF AND OPERATIONS TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND. CURRENT ESTIMATE 1973-74 ENROLLMENT: 10 NURSERY; 15 KINDERGARTEN AND 80 GRADES 1 THRU 9. COURSES IN BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS BEING ADDED FOR JR. HIGH GRADES.

3. PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION, AND SOCIAL PROGRAM STILL AMONG WEAKEST ELEMENTS IN SCHOOL OFFERINGS. DURING VISIT HERE MS. HEWES DEMONSTRATED ABILITY ORGANIZE AND TEACH EFFECTIVELY THESE FIELDS, PLUS HAS USEFUL LEVEL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE IN TYPING AND SECRETARIAL, PIANO AND SINGING, TEFL, AND JOURNALISM-WRITING. PE WOULD BE MAJOR TEACHING SUBJECT.

4. ALTHOUGH HEWES HAS NO TEACHING CERTIFICATE, SCHOOL BOARD ASSUMES SHE IS WELL-QUALIFIED IN VIEW OF (A) 2 YEARS TEACHING-COACHING EXPERIENCE HARVARD-RADCLIFFE; (B) 3 YEARS SUBSTITUTE TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN FREDONIA, NY AND ARLINGTON, MASS.; (C) M.A. AND ADDITIONAL GRADUATE STUDIES IN COMPARATIVE (INTERNATIONAL) EDUCATION;
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(D) EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT IN YOUTH AND EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

OVER MANY YEARS; (E) OBSERVED DEEP INTEREST IN EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT CHILDREN; (F) ABILITY COMMUNICATE WITH AND RELATE TO BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS; (G) SELECTION BY CU FOR OPERATION CROSSROADS AFRICA TENNIS COACHING TEAM. REQUEST CU CONFIRM ABOVE EXPERIENCE AND FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATIONS SUPERVISORS.

5. ANTICIPATE NO SERIOUS PROBLEM OBTAINING GOS RESIDENCE VISA IN VIEW PROBABLY FRINGE BENEFITS TO GOS TENNIS PROGRAMS FROM CONTINUATION HEWES RESIDENCE HERE.

6. SCHOOL ABLE FUND 9 MONTHS SALARY \$6,100 AS PROVIDED IN SALARY SCHEDULE (\$675 APPROX. MONTH). WILL GRANT FREE TUITION FOR HEWES THREE CHILDREN.

7. SCHOOL REQUESTS GRANT INCREASE OF \$5,000 TO PROVIDE BOSTON-MOGADISCIO ROUND-TRIP TRAVEL HEWES AND DEPENDENTS. EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES SCHOOL GRANT REQUEST TO ENABLE EMPLOYMENT HEWES WHO WOULD BE VALUABLE ADDITION TO SCHOOL STAFF, CURRICULUM BALANCE AND QUALITY. APPRECIATE ADVISE SOONEST LIKELIHOOD APPROVAL GRANT REQUEST (OR PORTION THEREOF). CROMWELL

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